

**EARLY  
CHILDHOOD  
ROUNDTABLE  
SERIES**

*Recommendations for the bookshelves of parents, caregivers, and early childhood educators*

**Six Early Literacy Skills**

*The American Library Association has identified these six key skills that will prepare children to become readers when they enter school:*

**Print Motivation** - Being excited about and interested in books.

**Phonological Awareness** - Playing with the sounds in words.

**Print Awareness** - Noticing print everywhere, knowing how to handle a book, and following words on a page.

**Narrative Skills** - Telling stories and describing things.

**Enriched Vocabulary** - Knowing the specific names of things.

**Letter Knowledge** - Knowing the difference between how letters look, their names, and their sounds.

**Social and Emotional Development Skills**

Confidence	Curiosity	Intentionality	Self-control
Relatedness	Communication	Cooperation	

**Resources**

*The following websites are great resources for more information on children's literature*

**Bank Street Books:** <http://www.bankstreetbooks.com/index.php?cPath=361>

**Cooperative Children's Book Center:** <http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/books/default.asp>

**Reading is Fundamental (RIF):** <http://www.rif.org>

**Reading Rockets:** <http://www.readingrockets.org/>

*The following websites are useful for purchasing books and book reviews*

**Bound to Stay Bound:** <http://www.btsb.com>

**Follett Education Resources:** <http://www.titlewave.com>

## Babies

- Pages with rounded edges (no sharp edges)
- Board books with photos of other babies
- Books with bold, clear pictures of familiar items
- Books with rhythm and repetition
- Books with textures or touch and feel books
- Books with animal sounds
- Nursery rhymes/songs
- Lullaby books



## Toddlers

- Small books to fit small hands
- Goodnight books for bedtime
- Books with familiar routines – bath time, bedtime
- Books with simple rhymes
- Books with familiar items – shoes, toys, pets
- Lift the flap books
- Books with very few words or with repeating words
- Books they can learn by heart

## Preschoolers

- Books that tell stories
- Books that make them laugh
- Books about the real world, animals, foods, trucks
- Books with simple, repetitive text they can memorize
- Books about kids that are like them
- Books about children who are different from them
- Books about going to school and making new friends
- Books that have playful or rhyming language



## Recommendations

*Goodnight Moon* by Margret Wise Brown  
*Baby Faces* by Margaret Miller  
*Hello, Animals* by Smriti Prasadam  
*My First Real Mother Goose* by Blanche Fisher Wright  
*The Babies on the Bus* by Karen Katz  
*I'm a Little Teapot* illustrated by Annie Kubler  
*Can You Count?* by Gyo Fujikawa  
*Baby Talk* by Judy Hindley  
*The Baby's Playtime Book* by Kay Chorao  
*Fiesta Babies* by Carmen Tafolla

*Poems to Read to the Very Young* by Josette Frank  
*More More More Said the Baby* by Vera B. Williams  
*Please, Baby, Please* by Spike Lee  
*Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell  
*The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle  
*Time to Sleep* by Denise Fleming  
*We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen  
*Good Morning Digger* by Anne Rockwell  
*Dinner at the Panda Palace* by Stephanie Calmenson



*Mortimer* by Robert Munsch  
*It's Simple, Said Simon* by Mary Ann Hoberman  
*Beep Beep, Vroom Vroom!* by Stuart J. Murphy  
*Rabbit's Gift* by George Shannon  
*A Visitor for Bear* by Bonny Becker  
*Good Night, Good Knight* by Shelly Moore Thomas  
*Goose and Duck* by Jean Craighead George  
*Kiss the Cow!* by Phyllis Root  
*Ribbon Rescue* by Robert Munsch  
*The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson